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Ah, Spring!



Yes, But let's be careful out there...

By Jason Smith

The week of semester tests coming up is one of the surest signs that the national phenomenon of spring break is almost upon us.

The most eagerly anticipated hotspot to go to in the south is Panama City Beach, one of the nation's liveliest destinations during spring break.

Dotted with long white sandy beaches made of rare quartz particles and great surf from the offshore formations, Panama is the

place to be for party-goers everywhere.

Originally discovered by Spanish conquistadors looking for gold, the perfectly positioned harbor was settled by the British in 1765.

Panama City has since been transformed from a fishing community to a bustling hub of tourism that swells to astounding numbers each year.

Developed with amusement parks, dance clubs, bars, restaurants, museums and water attractions Panama City has something for just about everyone and as such

has steadily grown in popularity since the early 60's as the teenage destination of choice. "The main activity during spring break is to have fun and enjoy the beach," says Shelton student T.J. Trowbridge of Birmingham.

When in Panama you have many things to do on a daily basis, ranging from riding bumper cars, bungee jumping, clubs, playing golf to the usual beach activities such as riding wave runners and para sailing.

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Taylorville now set to become merely part of history

Fifth and Last in a Series
About the Environs of
the College

By James A. Crawford II

Another night class at Shelton gives closure to a day of learning here in Taylorville, the small community that has grown so fast it may soon be just a memory.

Several years ago when the new Hillcrest High school was built, it began a period of growth in Taylorville that attracted a great deal of attention.

When Shelton began construction of its new campus, everyone wanted to move south and cash in on the vacant locations up and down the highway. However, the transition from country community to city neighborhoods wasn't easy or quick.

"I remember when I was a patient at Northington army hospital, I knew several men who trained at Fosters field out there. I never thought it would grow like it has," says Tuscaloosa Mayor Al DuPont.

He has seen Taylorville transform from the small community it once was to the bustling industrial hotbed of today.

"Everyone wants to move south now. The east and west are fully developed and the north is your major industrial hub. The opportunity is heading south. In ten years it'll be all the way to Moundville," adds DuPont.

"I don't mind change. I love all the new businesses nearby. I'm all for it," says Jackie Spiller.

This is how the majority of the citizens now feel about the

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D.C. Hinton has lived in the Taylorville area all of his life. He has witnessed more changes than a younger person could imagine—and he figures to see many more.

Photo by Blake Mann



Let there be a Light! The saga of Old Greensboro Road has taken several twists—and precipitated many turns—recently. Two-way stops, four-way stops, yields, traffic cops... The Shelton State Courier has a better solution. Why not just put up a traffic light in front of one of Tuscaloosa's fastest growing institutions?

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Viewpoint...

Let's all just have, well, fun

Hey guys and gals do you know what time it is? It's time for spring break!

Don't worry, I'm not about to preach to you. Why would I want to sound like your mother?

I feel just like the rest of you. School is getting monotonous and Tuscaloosa is making me claustrophobic.

The people I see every day are getting annoying; and work, well work sucks.

It's time to let loose a bit, meet new people, get out of town and forget about the place I call home.

The majority of us will be

heading down to the coastline in order to get some sun, party all night and guzzle a few cold beverages as the temperature rises.

Others may be heading north to the mountains in search of colder weather, the beautiful outdoors, roaring fires by night and a few drinks to warm up the chill.

Man oh man! A week of letting go. I can't wait! However, there are a few things we need to remember.

Hey, don't troll you eyes! This is serious. If we want to have a good time we have to think a little.

I know everyone won't be consuming alcoholic beverages, but the majority of us spring breakers will be, so let's just be safe about it.

Another thing is that there are a lot of wackos out there. So let's

remember not to transform into one of them.

If you do get a little overboard the, consequences won't be too pretty. The police are ready and waiting.

The most important thing to remember when you've had too much fun is to walk, not drive.

Not only will we prevent car accidents and DUI's, but we can also see how many people we can get to honk at us!

Remember, in this day and age it is considered noble to be able to say, "Take me drunk, I'm home."

Oh, one more thing; please, please have a good time.

—Susan Jones

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Are you a woman who loves too much?

The declaration of March as Women's History Month has gotten me thinking about my own history as a woman—and about all women.

In the past, women were often those who loved too much. That still holds true in some relationships today.

Women who love too much often are those who come from a very familiar term—a dysfunctional

family. A family where members are forbidden to discuss what affects each person individually as well as the family as a whole.

When such discussion is forbidden, we learn not to believe in our own perceptions and feelings; we deny them, because our family denies our reality. This severely impairs the development of our basic tools for living and for relating to people and situations. It is this basic impairment that operates in "Women Who Love Too Much".

Women who love too much are usually drawn to those who compassionately identify with pain and seek to relieve it in order to

ameliorate our own. If you neglect your friends and interests to be available to him, or feel empty without him, but being with him is a torment, then you too, girlfriend, are a woman who loves too much.

As a 23 year old college student, I'm the daughter of a violent father. I guess I used to hate him, because he used to hit all of us. Worst of all, he convinced us that we deserved being beaten but I knew my mother didn't. I still remember him beating her.

I wanted him to just leave her alone, but what could I do, at

that time, I was only four years old. I grew older, graduated from high school, and left home after one year of college. I wouldn't come home to see him or even speak to him. I guess because I met my husband who was just like my father, and I'm sure I fell for the same lines my mother did. He stood there explaining how he'd been hurt by women and I thought, "You poor thing"

WHAT A SUCKER! My sorrow and sympathy left me with two children and on my way to divorce. I, too, had learned I was a woman who loved too much.

Don't play the role as the rescuer as I did, you too are able to

change yourself. Look hard at your life and cultivate whatever needs to be developed. Make your own recovery your first priority, and give yourself the total commitment.

Robin Norwood in her book, *Women Who Love Too Much*, says, loving yourself enough to become free from addiction is a prerequisite to loving another person.

Norwood's book can teach you how to love yourself and put you on the road to recovery. Seek the help you need and turn the love around that you have for him and give it to yourself. It will be the best thing you can do.

Patricia Richardson

The Bell Poll

By: Louis Bell

Spring Break

This year's spring break is gearing up to be a week to remember. Of the 80 students surveyed, the two favorite vacationing spots are the beach and "exotic" Tuscaloosa. I found that an extensive amount of the students wanted to go on vacation to relax. Students are going to extremes when it comes to how much money they plan to spend during spring break. A sizeable number of the more budget-minded students say that they are only spending as much as \$50. While a considerable amount of students responded that they plan to spend more than \$150. A deciding amount of students were evidently not home sick. Many of the students stated they were not leaving their home at all.

Top 4 Destinations for Spring Break

- 40%- stay home
- 35%- beach
- 5%- Carolinas (north & south)
- 4%- camping

Top 4 Reasons for going on vacation or staying home

- 56%- relax
- 18%- make money
- 13%- meeting new people
- 9%- visiting friends and relatives

* some people belong to more than one activity

How much money do students plan to spend?

- 43%- 0-\$50
- 25%- \$150 +
- 19%- \$50-\$100
- 13%- \$100-\$150

How many days do students plan to spend away from home?

- 30%- 0 days
- 15%- 4 days
- 15%- 5 days
- 11%- 3 days

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"When I go down to P.C., I always like to play a game of golf at Marriott's Bay Point Resort," Sean Hargett of Spartanburg S.C. exclaims while faking a swing.

Estimated travel time from Tuscaloosa will take 5-6 hours, depending on traffic and pit-stops. There are two main highway which will take you straight to P.C.—Hwy 231 and Hwy 331. "Don't take Hwy 331; there are plenty of coppers and small towns along the way," advises Keith Drummond of Birmingham.

The quickest route is US 82 to Montgomery then onto Hwy 231. For the restless traveler, there are plenty of flea markets, rest areas, and boiled peanut shops to visit.

When the hotels and souvenir shops get brighter and the people

more abundant, you know you are in P.C. "Over spring break there is an expected population of a half a million people," David Treacy, Spinnakers information assistant, boasting about the population increase.

Of the vast array of places to stay, Edge Water Beach Resort, located on Front Beach Road, is the most recommended. Rates there are weekly \$892.58 for a one-bedroom apt. and \$1,118 for a two bedroom.

Though the rates seem high, so are the amenities; a shuttle service for around the resort, a children's program, and transportation are just to name a few. Don't forget about recreation—a pool, whirlpool, 12 tennis courts, 6 lights for the nighttime player, and an 18-

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Think safety—and just... think!

When you travel there are certain safety precautions one should heed.

First, if traveling via automobile, always check with the state law enforcement agency for weather and road conditions. Remember to tell someone your destination, departure time, and route.

Secondly, don't speed. Wherever you are going will more than likely be there when you arrive. If you think you need more time, leave a little earlier than planned.

According to the Department of Public Safety, speed-related crashes cost society more than \$23 billion a year.

Third, wear your seat belt. Of 31,897 fatalities 19,099 were not wearing seat belts—Traffic

Safety Facts. Don't be a statistic.

Fourth, if and when you drive at night, you can only see as far as your headlights allow.

Use your high beams whenever possible without blinding oncoming traffic. Your low beam headlights allow you to see about 160 feet in front of you—not far at all. The average person needs 1.5 seconds to react.

Fifth, if you feel drowsy pull over and rest. There are more sleep-related automobile crashes in the U.S. than drinking-related.

Finally, if you do plan on drinking or using drugs, at least use good judgement when it comes to driving. Don't get behind the wheel of an automobile.

Studies by the Department of Transportation reveal that over 20% of all traffic fatalities are caused

by drunk drivers.

In addition, a Tennessee study found that over half of reckless drivers not intoxicated by alcohol were intoxicated by other substances. Call a taxi, ride the bus, walk, or find a designated driver. It could mean a life.

There are many safety tips out there. These are several regarded by the *Courier* as being the most important for the average spring-breaker.

As always, when traveling use good judgement and be alert. The average American is more likely to be involved in a traffic crash than be a victim of a crime.

—Kimberly Davis

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explosion of new developments in Taylorville.

Residents are giving up their grains and long tradition of farming to make way for parking lots and stop signs and for the new array of business coming to the area.

For a community that has long sought to avoid becoming part of the city, the majority now embrace the idea of city utilities and other amenities such as more police and fire protection.

Development does have some downsides though. "I love the growth but with growth you always have the bad element of crime, but one goes with the other unfortunately; it's inevitable," says D.C. Hinton.

Lynn Spiller states, "I like the growth. It was gonna come this way sooner than later. The traffic is the only downside that I've seen to it so far."

Most residents feel Spiller added to the building craze started with Hillcrest by selling his land to Shelton for the new campus.

Not all residents are happy about the change and long for the days of farming and cattle.

These older life-long residents in Taylorville have become used to the country way of living and the peaceful silence on a Sunday morning.

"I'm not sure I like the change. It's too crowded out here now. Before they build the new access road to the campus, traffic

would be backed up so bad that I couldn't get out of my driveway. I liked it better when it was a small community," says Mary Jean Way.

The lure for business in Taylorville is an attractive one. Even without the new campus on the ho-

rizon, the area is located within just a few miles of a major interstate on-ramp that can take you anywhere in the South.

The close proximity to local municipalities and government and local offices is also a plus.

New business owners and home-owners can enjoy most of the local entertainment with a short drive and many of the food outlets have a location within the five mile radius.

The onslaught of businesses

growth was originally spurred by the availability of sewer and water from the city of Tuscaloosa in addition to the new Mercedes-Benz plant just a short distance up the express-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your natural outgoing personality helps you have one fantastic spring break. If you are lucky enough to be headed out of town, you probably will meet someone special and this will make your spring break even better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Loosen up and get rid of those nerves that have been making you edgy lately. Use your time off for a little R&R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being born under the sign of the twins, has a unique effect on you this month. Be careful to not let your "evil twin" take over. It's okay to have a little mischievous fun, but don't let it go too far.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) Beware of those who make things sound too good to be true. Normally, you are a good judge of character, but this is a time you are highly susceptible to a con man's promises.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) Someone fascinating is about to enter your life. Whether the relationship will flourish or not remains to be seen. It is certain that you will be floating on cloud nine while it does last.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is the time for high energy. There are changes in your life right now which will require some extra effort on your part. Put forth that effort while you have a little free time. When you go back to your regular schedule, you'll be glad you did.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Travel is showing up in your chart. You may not travel far, but it's sure to be an enjoyable trip. Share it with a loved one.

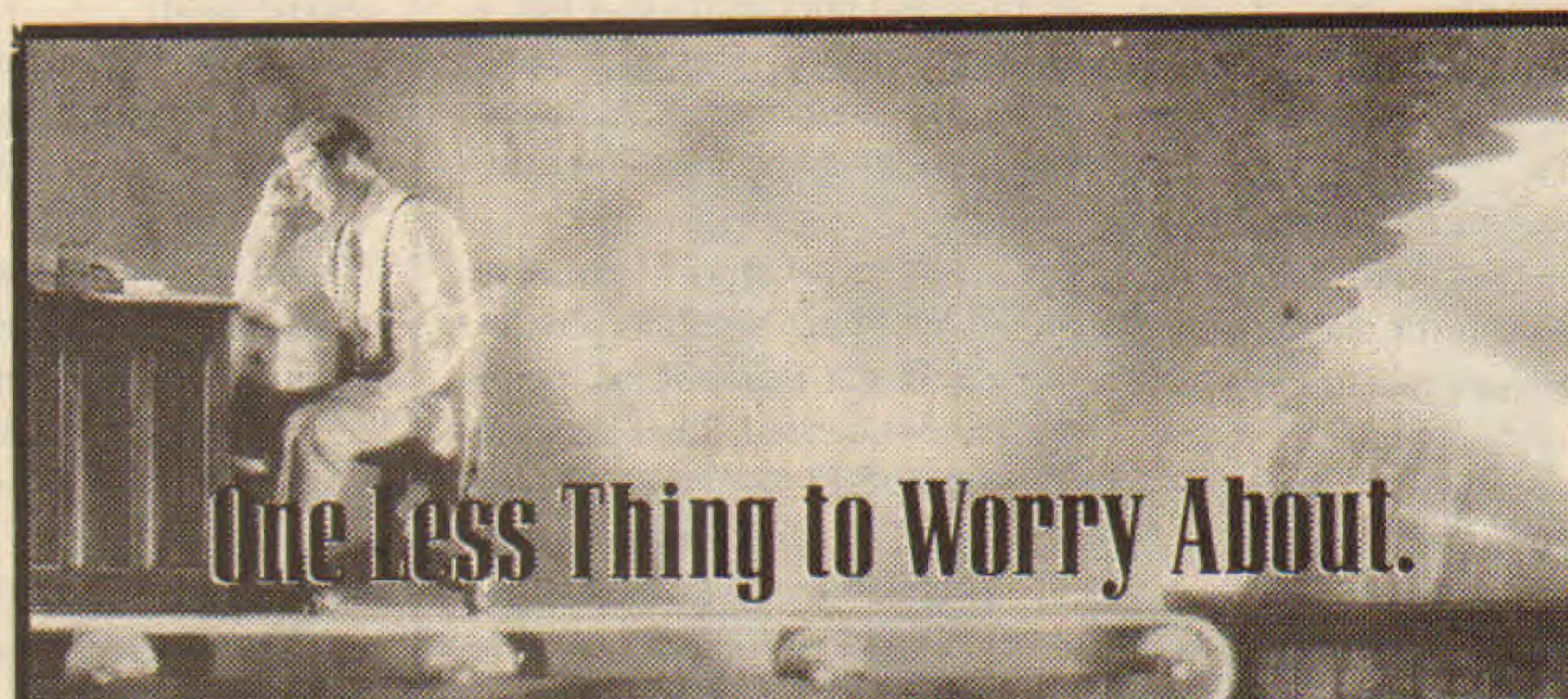
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will go to any lengths to get what you want, but that could be dangerous if what you want isn't what you need. Step back and observe the situation from angles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 21) Never feel guilty about your feelings. You may be a little obsessive sometimes, but you know when to let go. That special someone secretly loves the attention you are lavishing on them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lately, you have been extremely lazy and it's going to catch up with you. Now that spring break is here, use it to get your act together and then throw yourself into your studies. You still have time to make those grades.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't let people walk all over you. Speak up for yourself. You can't always depend on others to fight your battles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can be highly judgemental. Remember that you haven't walked in that other person's shoes, so you don't know exactly what he or she is having to deal with. Cut them some slack.



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If money were no object, how would you spend your spring break?

Interviewed by: Jo Jobson

Photos by: Blake Mann



**Anthony Mack,
Sophomore
Tuscaloosa**

"I would buy a small, nondescript island near Costa Rica, fill it with all the party people—i.e. lawyers, politicians, etc... then NUKE it! I would be sitting on a beach of Costa Rica, enjoying the scene and a nice tequila."



**Sarah McMillan,
Freshman, Centerville**

"I would tour the Outback, [in Australia] with a few select friends. While we are there, we would explore the native shops, for souvenirs. Also we would backpack across some of the country, hoping to save time to scuba dive and relax on the beach."



**Desmond Porbeni,
Sophomore, Tuscaloosa**

"I would take a trip to the south of France. I would spend the week strolling along the beaches, with the beautiful people, and we would be eating extremely expensive food and doing whatever I wanted to do."



**April Channell, Freshman
Coker**

"I would spend spring break in Alaska. I would go camping with the bears, and explore the different igloos. I would also go ice fishing. Hopefully after exploring Alaska I would go to Australia and kill a blue octopus."



**David Woolbright, Senior
Buhl**

"First I would pay to extend spring break to a full month. Then I would spend the month exploring New York, and Miami. In New York, I would go see some Broadway shows, and explore the city. When I get to Miami, I would sit and relax on the beach for a while."

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way.

To protect themselves from being lost in the rush, some local communities have been forced to incorporate to protect the way of life that they have come to love.

Some residents in Taylorville have expressed interest in the possibility of that happening here.

"I'm all in favor of incorporating. We would have better control of what happens, maybe have our own police force and officials," says Hinton.

Any aspirations of incorporating may be pointless, though. Due to annexations of most of the new businesses and a good portion of the residential housing not much of Taylorville isn't city already.

"At this point I would think it would be very difficult for them to incorporate; not impossible, just very difficult," says Mayor DuPont.

The area is attracting new businesses every day. John Culvert, owner of the FoxFire barbeque restaurant says, "I moved out here because it was a great location. All the development seems to be heading south and the area is just booming."

From the meager beginnings as a trade stop along the highway, Taylorville has become quite a busy interchange.

"I never would have believed seeing all those people out there; it used to be just a little community of people—never any stores," says Mrs. Merrill West.

Businesses aren't the only thing growing in Taylorville; several new subdivisions have been built this year and several more in the planning stage.

Taylorville—as well as Englewood—is no longer the com-

munity your parents knew. It is now little more than a patch of signs as someone passes through to the south. What has happened to the area is what always happens when "progress" creeps into what has once been a rural community. Trade-offs of convenience over peacefulness are inevitable.

An old landing strip, a trail blazed by Davy Crockett, the crack of bats on a sleepy Sunday afternoon. If you want to, you might also think of such as these as you breeze on by.



From his office in City Hall, Tuscaloosa mayor DuPont predicts a continuous strip of merchants from Tuscaloosa to Moundville. Photo by James Crawford II

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hole golf course; however, for the monitarily challenged, there is the Holiday Inn, which also has a pool.

After checking out the view from the room's balcony it's time to hit the beach. "I like to change into my swimsuit and go to Club La Vela and party there all day long!" exclaimed Alan Bradford-Birmingham. There is no cover charge at La Vela or Spinnakers during the daytime.

The clubs never runs dry of fun. There is the Miss Spinnaker's Hawaiian Tropic, the "Outlawed" wet t-shirt contest, and the Gold's Gym Male Hardbody Competition. Spinnakers will be hosting some great concerts this week. From Chumbawamba on March 26 to Creed on April 2. "The crowds have been excellent," said Steve Joyner, General Manager of La Vela.

The club scene is now growing tiresome so it's time for physical action. There are always plenty of water sport rental stations along the beach. Rentals include anything from wave-runners to wind surfing.

A hankering for a nice meal—and the accompanying budget—might take you to the Boar's Head restaurant located on Front Beach road. A favorite of splurging breakers, this restaurant specializes in prime rib, charcoal-grilled grouper, and tender baby-back ribs. Prices range from \$3-9 for appetizers and \$13-18 for main courses.

Before leaving Panama City, all serious spring breakers must take in a game of miniature golf. This is a tradition that cannot be

ignored. One of the best places to play is Coconut Creek Mini-Golf and grand Maze. Alan Bradford from Birmingham has memories of hilarious memories of trying to master the game. "Mini-golf is fun, but the grand maze is tough to get out of, to reach the finish area. It's a great challenge for anyone to try."

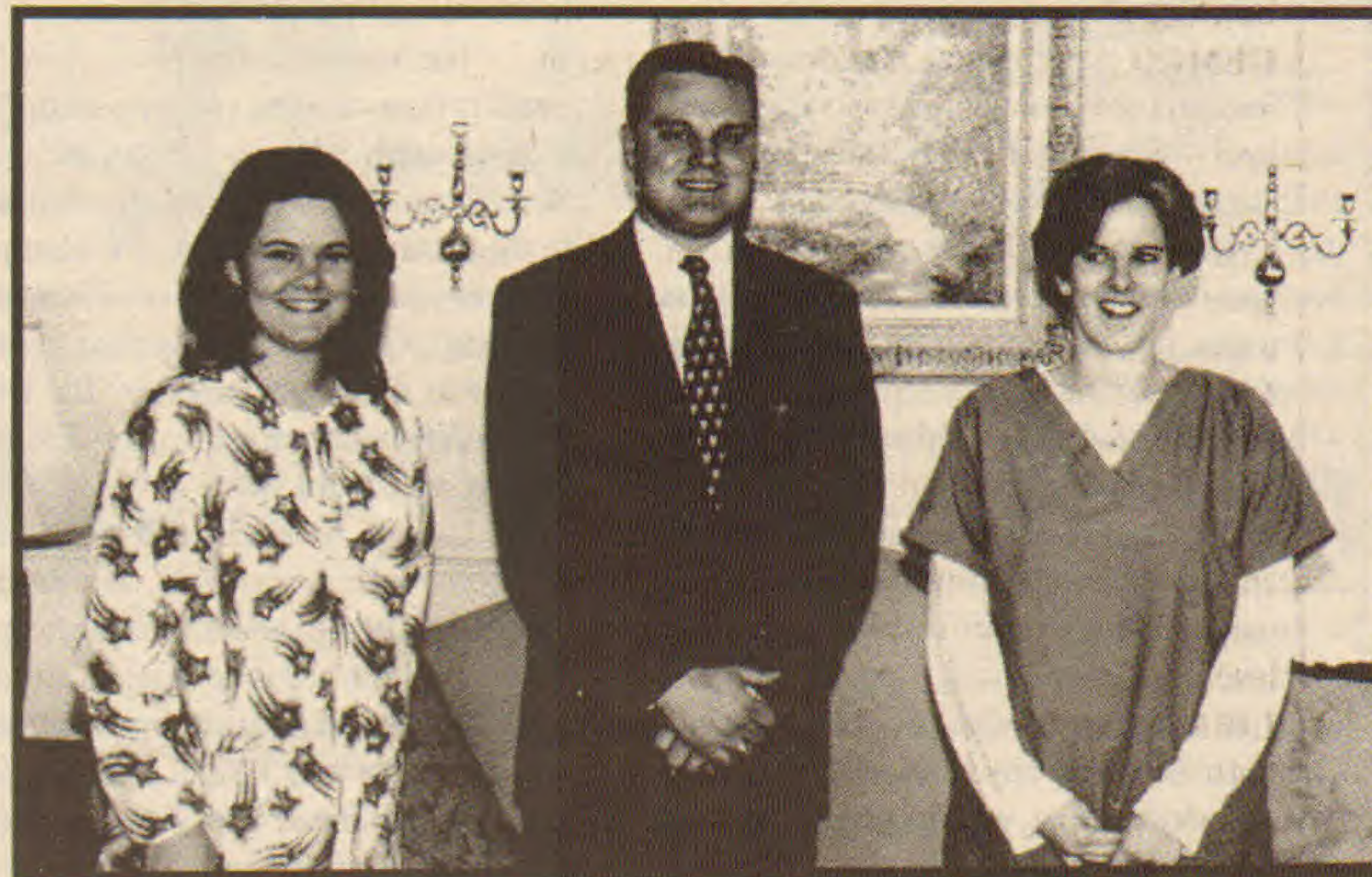
Another place travelers like to go to before heading home is some place to buy souvenirs. One of the favorites of everybody is Alvin's Island.

Fishing is another sport that some people come to Panama City to indulge in. P.C. has three main fishing piers; the largest is Dan Russell Municipal Pier, which stretches 1,642 ft. into the Gulf of Mexico. About 250,000 visitors come just to fish for redfish, marlin, amberjack, sailfish, and many others.

A short drive down the expressway one will discover Ft. Walton Beach. More good fishing and the spectacle of the world's largest air force base pull many visitors to the area. Eglin Base is five miles from downtown Ft. Walton Beach. There one can view demonstrations of an environmental test chamber and get a peek at the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing. Bottom fishing is the best in Florida here, with sailfish, wahoo, tuna and blue marlin available.

If you are underage, try to have fun without a drink. Remember, police are itching to give \$175 fines and community service to transgressors.

Cosmetology students learn that their skills will be sought-after even after death



Cosmetology students Andrea Rachel Bonner (L) and Tasha Hurst take a look around Heritage Chapel Funeral Home with funeral director Jason White

Photo by: Blake Mann

By Hanah Curlee

There was some apprehension among the cosmetology students the day instructor Shirley Nix announced they were headed to Heritage Funeral Home last Feb. 9.

They weren't sure what they might have to confront.

Their fears proved to be ungrounded, however.

"Regina Stone of Heritage Chapel showed the students around the funeral home where they viewed the prep suite room where the hair of the deceased is made up as well as the nails and make-up is applied," reported Nix.

"Students were also able to ask questions and state concerns pertaining to this service.

Cosmetologists are often asked to perform service on clients, friends, and family members—or they may decide to enter a contract with a funeral home to be on call for families who don't have a cosmetologist to perform the procedure.

"I learned that the best thing you can do for someone after they die is to make them look good for their family," said cosmetology student Tasha Hurst.

Other students commented that they found the experience interesting and enjoyable.

"The environment was very quiet and most peaceful. It helped me to understand the importance of preparing the deceased for proper burial," says Lisa Ingram, also a cosmetology student.

"Some of the students were uneasy about going. After the trip however, they had a different perspective of the procedures and were glad they went," Ingram added.

"Ms. Stone did a great job explaining and making the students feel at ease," says Nix, head of the Cosmetology department at Shelton.

Desaiology is a vital part of establishing your relationship with your client, explained Nix.

It is important for them to know you'll be there till the end.

"All of the Cosmetology instructors work very hard to make sure students know all the aspects of cosmetology and are prepared for the work force," said Nix.

Ask Dennis



Q. Dear Dennis:

Tell me, is it important to get a soil test, and how do I make sense of it?—

A. Howington

A. Dear A:

I would recommend that you take a soil test anytime you get ready to apply any fertilizer—whether it be to turfgrass, vegetable garden or to ornamental beds. Since there really is no reliable way to test for nitrogen, the element used in the greatest quantities, the most important things to look for when you receive your report are the pH, which is the acidity or alkalinity of the soil and the phosphorus level.

The pH is important in that an imbalanced pH can effect the availability of other nutrients. It also affects soil structure and drainage. If the pH is too low (5.5 or lower), it can be corrected with the addition of agricultural limestone. Lime can be added any time of the year but since it is slow-acting, winter is the best time to apply. Usually 50 pounds per one thousand square feet is the proper amount to use.

If the pH is too high (7.0 or above) the ag sulfur or gypsum should be used. Sulfur is applied at 5 pounds per one thousand square feet. Gypsum, like lime, is applied at 50 pounds per one thousand feet.

The reason that I say phosphorus is

important is because it is insoluble and basically stays in the soil indefinitely.

Many of us for years have always added 13-13-13 to our lawns or garden and since the phosphorus is just hanging around then the levels can get to high.

The way to read the levels from the soil test is to be aware that you have a number and a designation such as L=low, M=medium, H=high, and VH=very high. The number next to the letter tells you basically what percent nutrient you have in the soil that is required to produce 100% yield. For instance, the number 75 would be accompanied by the letter M, which means the nutrient level would produce 75% of maximum yield.

Do not be alarmed if some of your numbers reach up to 1,000, as most are not detrimental at high levels, except phosphorus. The reason P is bad is because it can compete with other nutrients for absorption in the plant, and at levels above 1200 it can be toxic.

So go ahead and get a soil test and follow recommendations carefully. At least this will be one test you won't have to study for—or grade!

N.B. In the last column, where 100 square-feet appeared, 1,000 square-feet should have been.

Submit your question to "Ask Dennis" in care of the *Shelton State Courier*.

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Shelton administrator coordinating bombers' touchdown in Tuscaloosa

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Have you ever watched a WWII movie with American bombers flying harrowing missions, fending off relentless attacks of enemy fighters, then surviving the flak on the way to their targets. Instead of just *imagining* what it was like, you can take an historic flight in either a B-17 Flying Fortress or a B-24 Liberator when they come to Tuscaloosa Municipal Airport on April 5 around 3 p.m.

Dawn and dusk patrols will be available to Collings Foundation donors on April 5-7. The flight provides the seven contributing crewmen the sights, sounds, smells and excitement of an historic mission, although the chances of encountering enemy fighters will be slim. For flight information, call Bruce Bizzoco at 391-2966.

For those less adventurous but just as curious about what it was like inside these famous aircraft, a donation of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 will allow them to tour through both aircraft.

The bombers will be on display at Bama Air (349-3991) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 6, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 7.

Veterans will be available at the planes to

answer questions, and to tell about their experiences. They are also available to go into schools to offer perspective on what is, arguably, the most important event in history—the winning of World War II.

"It is wise to remember that it was hatred, intolerance, and greed that led to the war in which 55 million people lost their lives," said Bizzoco, the local organizer of the event.

"We should never forget that the freedom we sometimes take for granted came at a tremendous price, and we must learn this lesson of history. These historic bombers are the bigger-than-life symbols of that quest for freedom."

The B-17 and B-24 bombers made up the brunt of the American Strategic Bombing force in WWII. They were produced by the thousands, yet only a handful of these magnificent aircraft still exist today. The Collings B-24 "All-American" is the only remaining, fully restored, and flying B-24 in the world. The B-17G "Nine-O-Nine" is one of approximately 10 B-17s left flying in the world.

For further information, call Bruce Bizzoco.

A week's worth of traffic and smoldering weather? You might as well stay in Tuscaloosa. Why not go somewhere *really* cool for a change?

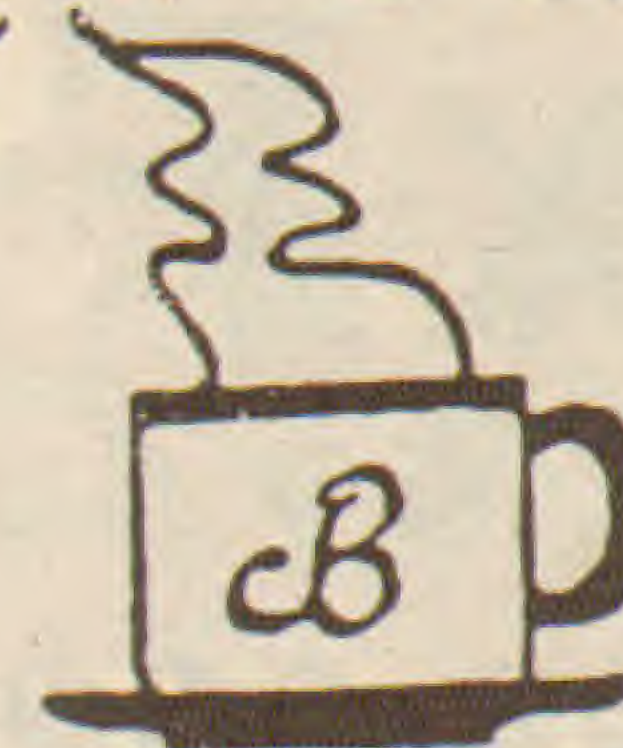
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Talented Shelton Singer killed in early-morning car wreck

By Nicole Barker

Julie A. Lawrence, a student at Shelton State, was killed early Saturday morning, March 14.

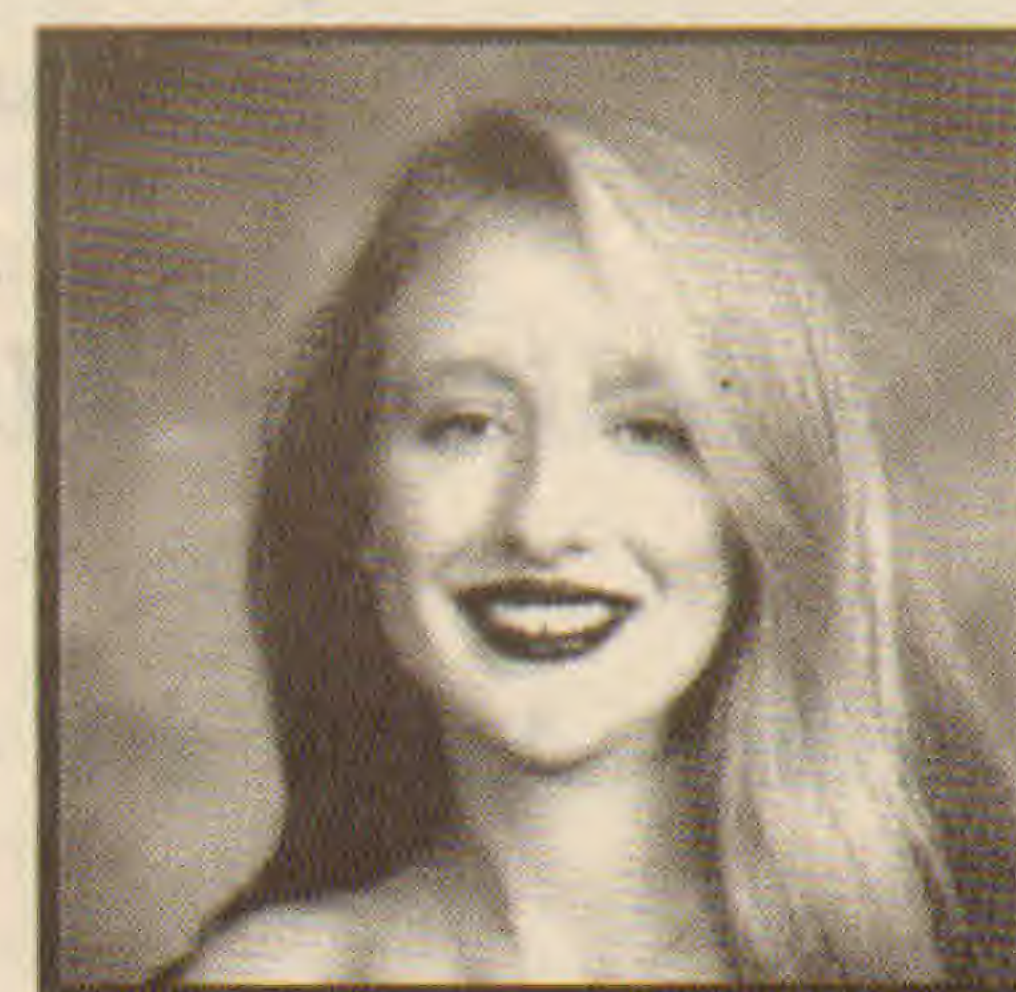
Lawrence was involved in many activities in high school, as well as college. She was very gifted in music, serving as Drum major for two years at Bibb County High School.

At Shelton, Lawrence was a member of Shelton Singers and performed in many concerts; Bach to Rock; Jazz Band; and was also a member of the Million Dollar Band at the University of Alabama.

Growing up, Lawrence discovered her musical ability in the "Teen Talent" competition, put on by the Church of God in Bibb County, in which she always placed high or won.

Lawrence was a member of the Caffee Junction Church of God and is buried at the Cahaba Valley Baptist Church cemetery.

According to family and friends, after the funeral, as many as twenty attendants, including her father, received Christ. This was a direct result of the strong witness Lawrence left behind, they said.



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Such fringe benefit programs are not costless to employers. However, increased competition among third-party providers and the development of more sophisticated software programs have reduced the cost of administering such plans.

Futhermore, the exclusion of the cost of these benefits from employees' income creates a significant deduction in an employer's payroll taxes. Consequently, both employers and employees benefit financially when a FSA program is administered properly.

How FSAs Work

A cafeteria plan or Flexible Spending Account program is a written plan under which employees may choose among various benefit consulting of cash and qualified benefits.

Such benefits can include:

1. medical and dental expenses
2. child care expenses (for dependents under age 13)
3. deferred compensation arrangement
4. group term life insurance
5. extra vacation days

Typically, the amount you choose to set aside for qualified medical and dependent care expenses and other covered expenses is deducted from your paycheck each pay period and put into an account for you. Upon submission of the required documentation, your employer reimburses you for those ex-

penses. Because the money you set aside is deducted from your paycheck before taxes, FSAs offer a significant tax benefit. For example if you're in the 28% tax bracket and you choose to set aside \$2,000 for medical, dental and vision care expenses, \$5,000 for child care expenses, and you have your medical insurance premiums of \$1,000 deducted through your FSA account, you save \$2,240 in federal income tax. Additional savings are derived from possible reductions in

Social Security taxes and state and local income taxes as well.

FSAs also reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI), which allows you greater medical and miscellaneous itemized deductions.

Qualified Medical Expenses

Flexible spending accounts can be used to cover a wide range of out-of-pocket medical expenses including health insurance deductibles and copayments, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, contact lenses and dental work. Expenses for cosmetic surgery, health club membership, and nonprescriptions drugs are not eligible for reimbursement.

Dependent Care Expenses

Many employers offer similar flexible spending accounts that allow employees to allocate pre-tax dollars to cover child or elder care expenses, such as day care, before and after school care, and day camp. Keep in mind, however that participation in your employers dependent care spending account may affect your eligibility for the child-care tax credit. Before you sign up for an FSA, you should determine which will give you the greater tax savings: taking the child-care tax credit or excluding the expenses from earnings under your employer's plan.

If you're not sure, you may want to consult your CPA.



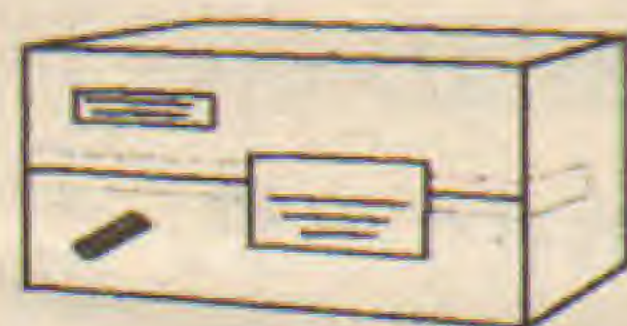
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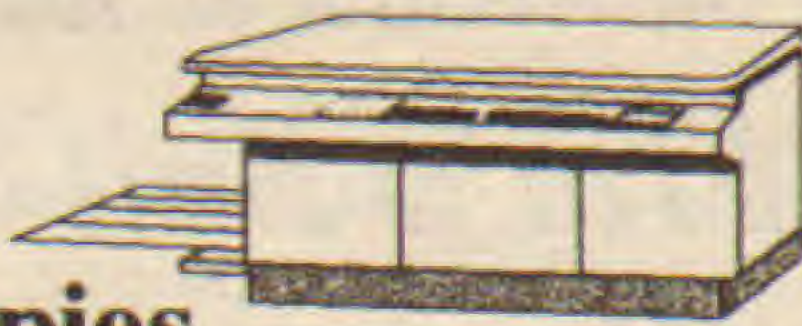
Takemine Mochizuki, from Tuscaloosa's sister city Narashino, Japan, donated 25 cherry trees to be planted on Shelton's Martin and Fredd Campuses. Mochizuki was at Shelton on Friday, March 20, along with the other members of the visiting Japanese delegation for the dedication. After a reception in the atrium, there was a tree viewing at 2 p.m. attended by Assistant to the President Rick Rogers and Mochizuki's family.

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Roberts reviews...



By Brian Roberts

Primary Colors

It is rare to find a movie about politics that does not make a political statement. *Primary Colors* is able to achieve this feat, however, because the film centers on people and their personal, rather than political, beliefs.

The new film from director Mike Nichols (*The Birdcage*, *The Graduate*), *Primary Colors* is the story of a presidential campaign by a Southern governor with a dominant wife.

Sound familiar? Although the story might sound a little like the story of our current President, when asked in a recent interview if the movie was actually about Bill Clinton, Nichols responded, "Maybe there are similarities. But it is fiction." Based on the best-selling novel by Anonymous (later revealed as Joe Klein), *Primary Colors* is the best film produced so far this year.

While the story would appear to center around presidential candidate Jack Stanton (John Travolta) and his wife Susan (Emma Thompson), it is as much about the other people in their life. The film is seen through the eyes of their campaign manager Henry Burton. Burton, the grandson of a civil rights legend, is played brilliantly by Adrian Lester in his first major role. The emotional performance by Lester makes him an early favorite for next year's Oscar Awards.

Burton is a young man, frustrated with

years of fruitless political work, who gets caught up in the idea of helping the Stantons make history. What makes the film special is the humanity that is brought to the characters. Veterans of film, Travolta and Thompson, portray their characters in a way that stabilizes the film. Their characters are driven, lazy, arrogant, and humble, all at the same time. Over the course of the film, Burton grows to love, hate, respect, and despise the couple who have taken him into their family.

Burton is taught how to understand the Stantons by two of the family's closest friends. It is these two characters, campaign advisor Richard Jemmons (Billy Bob Thornton of *Sling Blade*) and investigator Libby Holden (Kathy Bates), that steal the show. Given the majority of the comedic lines in the film, they also bring the most human drama to the story.

What Nichols is able to accomplish is similar to what he accomplished in the film *Regarding Henry*. He uses comedy to supplement a very real human drama. With a great script adaptation by Elaine May, Nichols produces a fantastic film. Despite the film beginning about politicians, there is never a clear-cut political platform made. That is what makes the film original and well-worth seeing.

It is shown daily at the Regal 12 Cinemas at 1:05 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:55 p.m., and 9:50 p.m. Rated R for language and sexual content. 143 minutes.

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By Kimberly Davis

It was announced Monday, March 9, that Shelton State Photography Instructor, **Matthew Albritton**, has been awarded an **\$11,000 scholarship** to study and teach photography at the University of Texas in Austin this fall.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national honorary organization that encourages scholastic, leadership, service and fellowship among Shelton students. During the Christmas party the following students were initiated into PTK: Sean Greninger, Karen Lee, Ana Lucrecia Najera, and Nuwan Suriyagoda.

Eligibility for membership includes 3.5 GPA with at least 12 semester credit hours completed and current enrollment in a degree program.

Applications are available in the Shelton State Counseling Center.

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By: Chris Bailey & Ashley Arthur

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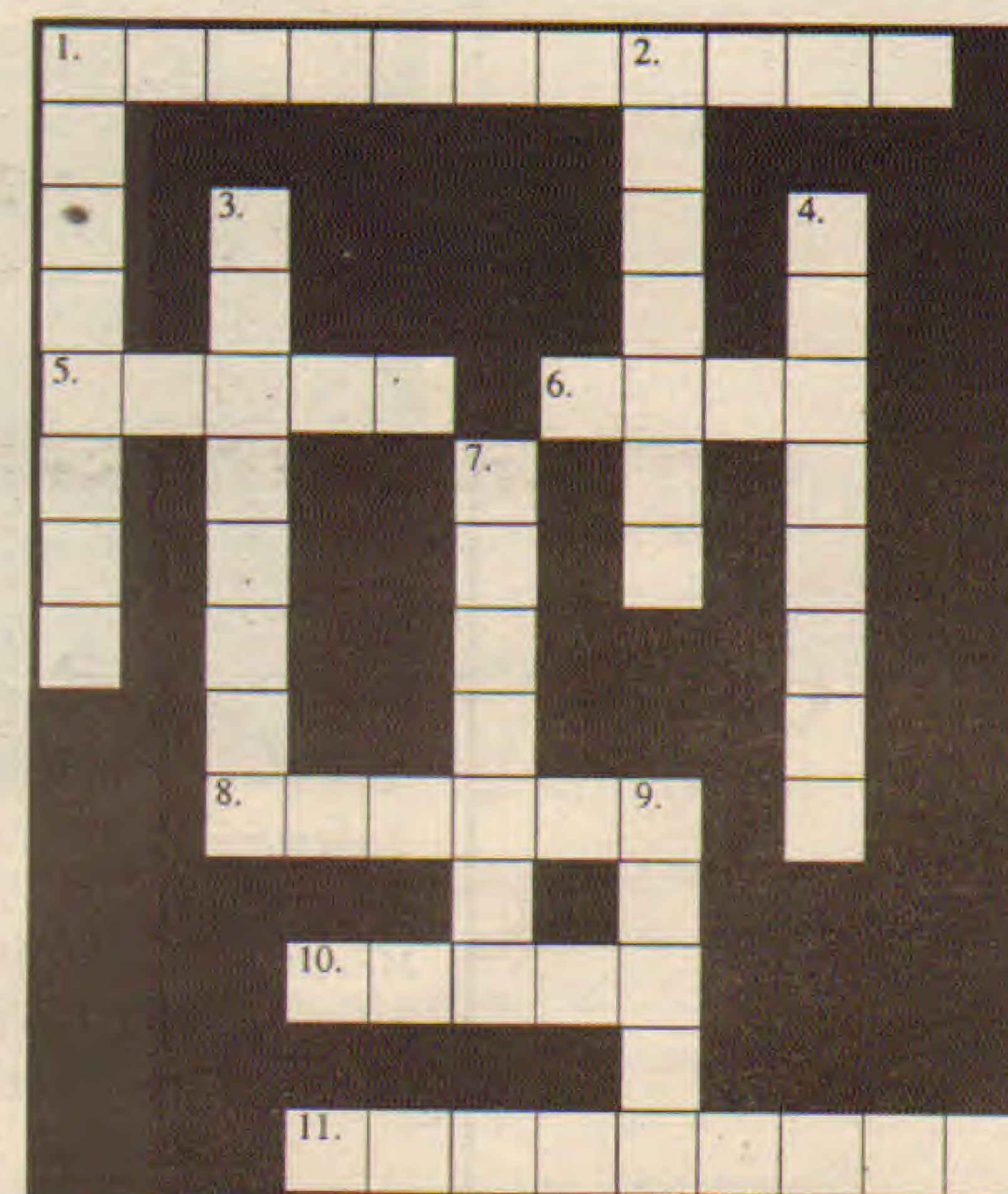
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Bio-Watch

Corpolites

By Chris Haynes, Biology Instructor

These structures are corpolites or fossilized feces. These corpolites are trace-fossils, not the actual thing, but rather a cast of long-ago decayed organic fecal pellet—very much the same thing as a fossilized dinosaur track. They primarily consist of iron pyrite and other inorganic deposits that crystallized and filled the void in rock layers as the original fecal material decayed. These corpolites are most likely the feces of fish or some small amphibian, reptile or mammal that dates from the Cretaceous Period—about 85 million years ago.

Photo by Chris Bailey



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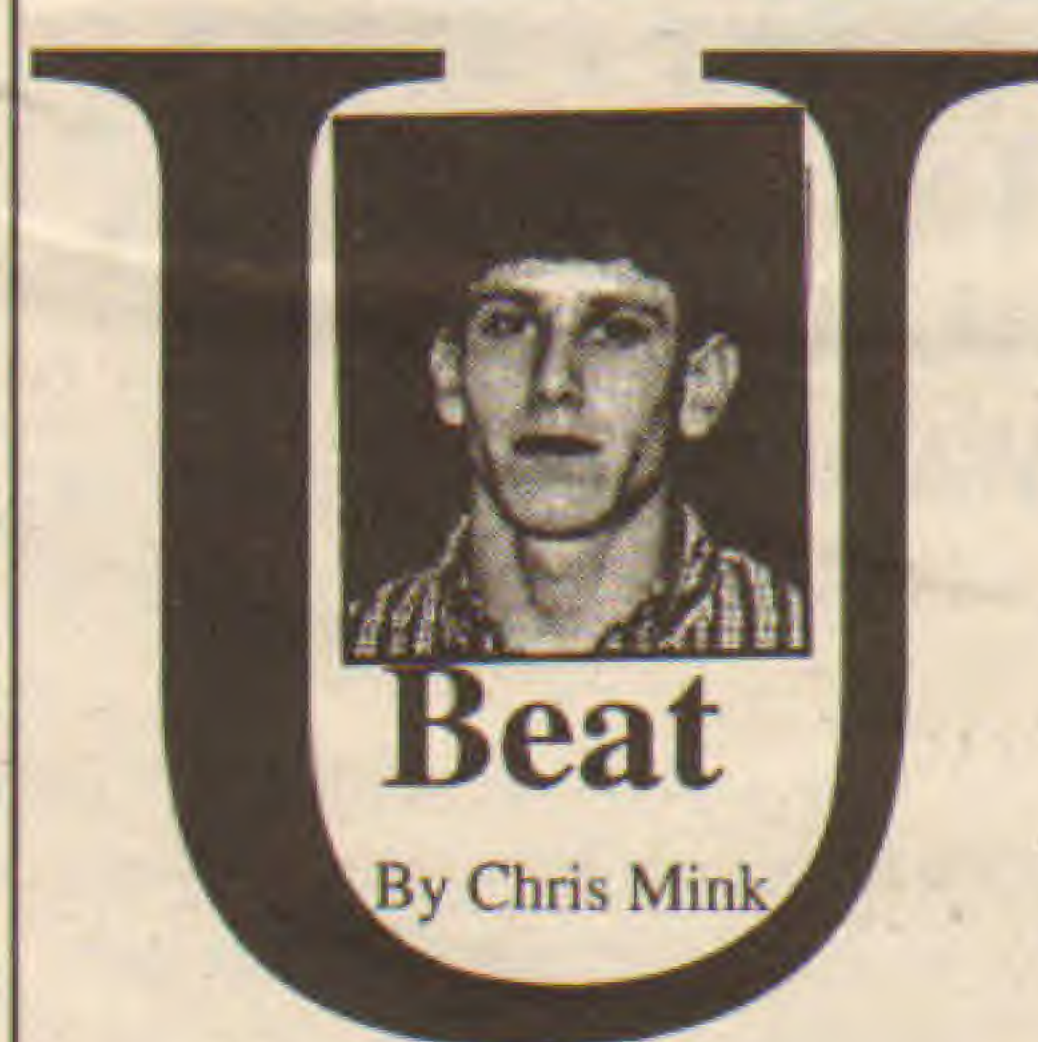
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Well vacationers, spring break is 'once again upon us. Where do you plan on going? The beach, skiing maybe, how 'bout overseas? If you're staying at the University here in Tuscaloosa you had better find someplace to go and do it soon.

For years now, your friendly University housing department has closed all resident halls during holidays and spring break, which comes as quite a shock to some students.

When the dorms close down John Q. Student has to move all the belongings that he may need into what's called holiday housing—or to a motel of his choosing.

After a week of bunking

with someone you don't know is over, it's back to the dorms to unpack again.

Associate director of housing, Lisa Brister has been at the University of Alabama for ten years and says that the resident halls have been closed during spring break since she's been there.

"Resident halls are for students attending classes at the University. Since classes are not in session during spring break, there is no need to keep the dorms open. There are never more than fifty students who sign up for the holiday housing offered. From an economical standpoint, the University would lose money by keeping the resident halls running," says Brister.

Not all students are ready to accept this tough policy of indifference though, and they are outraged that the University has so little concern over their needs.

Some students for various reasons have no plans for spring break and would like to stay in their normal rooms and not be ousted.

"I'm paying for housing already. This is just an unplanned expense that I don't need. Student tuitions and resident hall fees keep the dorms running. Who exactly would be losing money?," says Harlon Campbell, a resident of Burke West.

Campbell is just one of many students who have to work during spring break. "I've got to pay fifty

dollars to go for a week to a less convenient location and stay with a total stranger."

All this came as a surprise to Campbell and dozens of other students—male and female alike—who didn't know about the spring break close down.

"I'm going to Panama City over the break, but if I wasn't I would be very upset at having to move out for a week," says Julie Blodgett, a resident at Tutwiler Hall.

"There were no flyers, and it wasn't made clear to me about the dorms being closed during the break," adds Campbell.

According to Brister, there is a chance next year that Rose Towers may become what is called a twelve-month building.

Residents who elect to live in Rose Towers wouldn't be subject to the trials and tribulations of having to move during a brief break.

That's exciting news for next year but what about the other students who can't get in Rose? In short, tough luck.

Whether it's just 50 or 150 students who are staying during the break, they get to go somewhere for spring break, too. It's just not the place they might wish for.

Shelton president wins honor at convention

Story and Photo By Linda Grote



Shelton President Tom Umphrey was named Outstanding College President by Phi Theta Kappa

Shelton State President Thomas E. Umphrey was named Outstanding College President by the Alabama Region of Phi Theta Kappa at its regional Convention Awards Banquet Saturday evening, March 14, at the Four Points Hotel in Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Jo Marshall, Regional Director of Phi Theta Kappa, said "The award recognized the continual support that Dr. Umphrey has given to Phi Theta Kappa at Shelton State Community College at the chapter, campus, regional and national levels."

Alpha Epsilon Iota, the Shel-

ton State chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and also an international two-year college honorary, received honors as well.

Alpha Epsilon Iota was named a "Five star" chapter, the highest level in the chapter development program.

The five star level recognizes a chapter which is active at the campus, regional, and international levels. The recognition also denotes a chapter that has achieved honors in each of the four Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.

Alpha Epsilon Iota was also elected the Regional President of the Alabama Region of Phi Theta Kappa.

Meredith Mettee, sophomore from Northport, was Alpha Epsilon Iota Chapter President for 1997-1998 and was also the outgoing Regional Secretary. She was recognized for her contributions to the chapter and the region.

Kevin Windham, of Moundville was outgoing Chapter Vice President. He was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key in recognition of his contributions to the chapter, college, and region.

The Alpha Epsilon Iota chapter also won a second place Hallmark Award for Outstanding Achievement in Leadership.

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